

FAMILY & EDUCATION

ACTS OF KINDNESS

GIFT OF HEART

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The Gentlemen of the De La Salle School in Freeport wanted to make their Special Persons Dance especially meaningful on Valentine's Day. They celebrated and showed their love and appreciation to their moms, grandmothers, aunts or others who hold a special place in their hearts.

For many weeks, all the boys in grades 5 through 8 took ballroom dance lessons at the school, taught by two professional dancers, Artistic Director of Leggz Ltd. Dance in Rockville Centre Joan Hope MacNaughton, and Broadway veteran dancer Diana Quijano Graham.

The boys learned the basic steps of the waltz, cha-cha, merengue, salsa, and the conga line to surprise their



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loved ones and make them proud with their accomplishments while at the dance.

They were taught formal dance etiquette on how to ask a person to dance, escort their guest onto the dance floor, hold a partner in proper dance position and thank

their partner for the dance, then escort them back to their seat when the dance was over. They were true gentlemen.

It was a rousing success. The Valentine's Dance special people were delighted and everyone joined in for the biggest conga line ever. The smiles on

the dance floor were so bright that the room lit up without lights.

This evening will always be remembered by the boys and their loved ones. The boys were true gentlemen in the Lasallian Catholic tradition and they gave new meaning to the word.